

By the Queene.



The Queenes Maiestie hearyng by reporte of some of the subiectes of her good brother the kyng of Spayne, that notwithstanding both the seueritie of Justice diuers tymes extended by her Maiestie agaynst sundry Pirates with paines of death, and also her often armyng of certayne vesselles to the Seas, for chapprehensid of such offenders: yet of late by colour of certaine of the subiectes of the Queens of Scottes, haunting the Seas, for to take and sease the subiectes and shippes of the king of Portugal: vpon pretence of certayne olde letters of reprisalles, diuers lewde and disorderd Englyshe men, are thought to resorte and accompany the sayde Scottysmen vpon the Seas: Hath therfore thought mete to vse diuers good meanes to remedye the said disorders with spede. And considering it may be, that sundry of ignoraunce haue both repayed to the sayd Scottysmen, and receaued theyr goodes, without knowledge or partakynge of any theyr euill factes. Before her Maiestie wyll extende her force of armes or Justice agaynst any such: her Maiestie warneth them all to retourne with spede, eyther to theyr dwelling places, or to the next porte that they may attayne vnto after the notice hereof, and there to geue knowledge of theyr names & dwelling places, and of all theyr enterprises doile eyther by them selues, or by such in whose company they were, whylest they were vpon the Seas.

And for further proceeding against such others as wyll not retourne from that trade, but wyll perseuer therein: Her Maiestie meaneth, by sendyng of certaine her shippes to the Seas, to cause them to receaue by force and by Justice, such extreme punishment as they haue deserued, to the example of all others. And yf any pooze Maryners haue ben entyce by pretences of trade of Marchaundizes, or fyllshyng, to serue and accompanye some lewde capitaines and masters of shippes: her Maiestie is contented to shewe fauour and mercye to all such persons, so as they shall playnely do their endeour to attache the Capitaines or masters of any shippe that hath committed any Piracie, and to bryng them to lande.

Finally her Maiestie straightly chargeth and commaundeth, that no maner of shippe or vessel, that shalbe by any colour to be suspected of Piracie, or that shall not be knowne to be a notorious marchaunde, shalbe suffered to passe out of anye porte or creke, vntyll the master, capitayne, or owner thereof shall haue put in suerties before the viceadmirall, Maior, Bayliffes, or other officers of the porte where they shall prepare to embarke, to aunswere to all maner of thynges that may be objected agaynst such as haue or shall possesse, or sayle in the same shippe. Other perticuler orders her Maiestie meaneth further to prescribe vnto the viceadmiralls of all coastes, for representing and auoyding of all Pirates and rousers vpon the Seas, which her highnesse wylleth to be obserued of all maner her subiectes. And besides straightly chargeth all viceadmiralls, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, and other her officers and subiectes, to haue a diligent and carefull eye to the execution hereof, in that may touche them or any of them, as they wyll aunswere for the contrary at theyr bittermost peryll.

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God saue the Queene.

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